

Increase in Water Rates
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The California Public Utilities Commission has granted Dominguez Water Corp. authority to increase rates 9.2 per cent for more than 24,000 customers in Torrance, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Carson and adjacent unincorporated territory.

Board of Supervisors Backs State Tax Plan

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In addition to many races for national and state offices, several key ballot propositions will confront the voter when he steps into the booth next Tuesday Nov. 5.

Recognizing this, Los Angeles County Supervisors have taken strong stands on some propositions in an effort to offer the public some clear guidelines.

Superiors are on record in favor of Proposition 1A, the property tax relief program placed on the ballot by the State Legislature. This measure would provide instant tax relief as early as the second half of the fiscal year.

THIS MEANS immediate aid to the overburdened property taxpayer. Home owners would be allowed a \$750 exemption on the assessed value of owner-occupied homes beginning the next tax year.

They also would be allowed to receive a flat rebate—about \$70 — on the property tax bills for this year, 1968-69.

Basically, the measure specifies that the state shall reimburse all local governments for the property tax losses resulting from the homeowners' exemption. This means orderly tax relief, not chaos.

AND IT IS the Board of Supervisors' position that Proposition 9 would result in such chaos if it is approved by voters. It would not provide the immediate relief that Proposition 1A would.

Supervisors vigorously oppose Proposition 9, fearing that its passage could jeopardize the very existence of local government. In addition, it would take five years to realize the full benefits of Proposition 9, while 1A allows fast, orderly relief.

ANOTHER ballot measure of keen county interest is Proposition B, a \$24.8 million bond issue to finance construction of critically needed juvenile facilities. This item was placed on the ballot by supervisors in an effort to finance the facilities at the lowest possible bond interest rate.

Present juvenile detention and court facilities are severely over-crowded and the additional structures is critical. If passed, the bonds would be used to spearhead an effective rehabilitation program for wards of the court.

At the same time, the proposal would provide proper physical facilities for public safety and protection.

EXCELLENT cooperation between county government and the electric power industry has paved the way to another breakthrough in the continuing battle against smog.

A new rule, which requires use of low sulfur fuel oil by the industry when ever natural gas is not available, has been passed with the support of the county and the power industry.

The new law, known as Rule 62.2, prohibits burning of high sulfur fuel oil in electric power generating plants. This sulfur oil has been recognized as a major source of pollution for at least 15 years.

The splendid support of Southern California Edison Co. and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power in bringing this restriction about is commendable. I had anticipated much debate on the issue when it was heard.

However, the proposal carried the full support of the power industry, and this reflects their desires to help Los Angeles beat the smog problem.

Thirty-one senators have been elected to fill out the Harbor College Student Senate.

Elected to office were George L. Breskovich, Debbie Felberg, Pat Lee, Patti Hoshi, Barbara Coleman, Mike Howe.

Barbara Ross, Stephen Aldridge, Carmelene Pengtella, Sherry Fernlund, Marilyn Kennerson, Mark Lombardo, Gary Cunningham, John Lewis.

Norma Couch, Polly Johnson, Tom Sylvester, Evelyn Escobar, Ken Fischer, Carl Ischer, Helen Chandley, Eric Sopher, Robert Bulatao, James Edwards, Rich Bredahl and Max Worden.

The new senators together with 13 others elected last spring will make up the legislative branch of the student government.

The voters also turned down a proposal to eliminate freshman and sophomore class officers and an amendment to restrict the size of the Senate.



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